REMARKS

The Specification and Claims 1, 3, 6 - 8, and 10 - 19 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced with these amendments, all of which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 9 and 20 have been cancelled from the application without prejudice. Claims 1 - 8 and 10 - 19 are now in the application.

I.   Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action dated March 29, 2005 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that Claims 1 - 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Snow et al., U. S. Patent 6,055,540. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' independent Claims 1, 18, and 19 have been amended herein to more clearly specify limitations of Applicants' invention. Claim 1, for example, specifies that, when a user input monitor detects "that a user has swiped an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object", then "a manner in which the swiping was performed is compared to previously-defined settings that specify what manner of swiping indicates an identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria" (Claim 1, lines 3 - 8, emphasis added). If this comparison "determines that the manner in which the swiping was performed is consistent with the specified settings", then the swiped element is stored "in a repository of criteria, such that the stored element can be selected for inclusion in a pattern to be matched against electronic objects for organizing the electronic objects" (Claim 1, lines 9 - 13, emphasis added).

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Applicants find <u>no teachings, nor any suggestion,</u> in Snow of:

- "detecting ... that a user has <u>swiped</u> an element of a rendered representation" (Claim 1, lines 3 - 4, emphasis added);

- *any consideration of* "a manner in which" the swiping was performed (Claim 1, line 5);

- and in particular, comparing this "manner [of] swiping" to "previously-defined settings that specify" *anything* about swiping, and in particular, that specify "what manner of swiping indicates" that user-defined organizing criteria are being identified (Claim 1, lines 5 - 8).

Independent Claims 18 and 19 contain similar limitations. Snow teaches, in col. 5, lines 41 - 42, "Multiple terms <u>separated by commas</u> can be entered." (emphasis added). This suggests that Snow's user is manually typing the search terms into a user interface window. Snow clearly does not teach Applicants' claimed <u>swiping</u> approach for identifying organizing criteria.
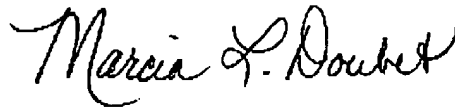
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that their independent Claims 1, 18, and 19 are patentable over the cited reference. Dependent Claims 2 - 8 and 10 - 17 are deemed patentable (at least) by virtue of the allowability of the independent claims.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the §102(e) rejection of all claims.

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II.   Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejected claims,

withdrawal of all presently outstanding rejections, and allowance of all remaining claims at an

early date.

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